

# Health News Release

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#### State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## **Benton County**

In February 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Simon S. Tedrow** (RC60063215) and placed his registration on probation for three years. He was convicted of unlawful possession of controlled substance – methamphetamine. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

#### **Clark County**

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Ivan D. Roane** (NA00202150) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to assess a patient's injury after she fell.

## **Clallam County**

In February 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Tera J. Phillips** (RC00058909) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of unlawful possession of a controlled substance – methamphetamine. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

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# **Cowlitz County**

In February 2009 the X-Ray Technician Program reinstated the license of **Lori Ann Johnson** (XT00005056).

In February 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Jeffrey Lynne Price** (RC60035402) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of burglary, forgery, and driving under the influence on more than one occasion. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

# **Grant County**

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Leanne R. Mueller** (NA60001873) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of unlawful issuance of a bank check and failed to disclose the conviction on her application. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

## **Grays Harbor County**

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Brandon M. Paschke** (NA60008335) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of distributing sexual material that relates/describes sexual conduct with a child via the Internet or computer.

#### **King County**

In February 2009 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant applicant **Trishia Michelle Henson** (D160039082) and placed her registration on probation for six months. She was convicted of reckless driving and failed to disclose the conviction on her application. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Miguel D. Smith** (RC60068652). He was convicted of driving under the influence on more than one occasion, and minor intoxicated in a public place.

# **Kitsap County**

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Frances Canode** (RN00143981) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly accepted a loan from a patient and failed to make payments.

In February 2009 the Board of Physical Therapy granted the application of physical therapist assistant **Derick W. Moody** (P160045527) and placed his license on probation for one year. He was convicted of assault. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

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In February 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **Susan Shlifer** (MD00035541) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to keep adequate records and charts, and failed to adequately assess patients before making a diagnosis.

In March 2009 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Chandra Ann Trask** (D160054529) and placed her registration on probation for six months. She was convicted of possession of controlled substance – no prescription. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

# **Mason County**

In February 2009 the Board of Physical Therapy granted the application of physical therapist assistant **Maureen Bernadette Kerin** (P160029162) and placed her license on probation for five years. Her license to practice as a registered nursing assistant was revoked and she was convicted of driving under the influence. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

# **Pierce County**

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **John V. Thomas** (NC10007029) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly provided false documentation that he mailed the packages given to him by a patient.

In February 2009 the Athletic Trainer Program granted the application of **Christopher Tucker** (A160047435) and placed conditions on his license. He failed to disclose his license to practice as an athletic trainer in Ohio was placed on probation. He surrendered his Ohio license when he didn't comply with the probation.

#### **Skagit County**

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against registered nurse **Renee Gordon** (RN00103088).

## **Snohomish County**

In February 2009 the Physical Therapy Program granted the application of physical therapy assistant **Lonnie Lee Bash**, **Jr.** (P160042640) and placed his license on probation for 14 months. He has entered a deferred prosecution agreement on a charge of assault – domestic violence. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In February 2009 the Chiropractic Commission denied the application of **Michael Breneman** (CH00001293). He was convicted of conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute 1,000 kilograms or more of marijuana, and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

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# **Spokane County**

In February 2009 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Amber Christine Malek** (D160032294) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was charged with assault – domestic violence. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

## **Thurston County**

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Sonia M. Romero** (NC10067239) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly pulled a combative patient's shirt up over her face and left her in the bathroom for some minutes by herself.

In February 2009 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of **Steven Bruce Wolff** (CP60066886) and placed conditions on his license. His registration to practice as a registered counselor was placed on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

# **Whatcom County**

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission released registered nurse and licensed practical nurse **Christine Steckel** (RN60019306, LP00053727) from conditions on her licenses.

#### **Out of State**

**Idaho:** In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against certified nursing assistant **Tina L. Vorhees** (NC10036604).

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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